

**CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

JUNE 6, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee was held on the above date at the time of 6:30 p.m. with Committeemen Newton, Racite, Dennis, Brown and Pelura present. Also present were M. Stout-CMFO/Administrator, J. Proffitt-Clerk, R. DiGregorio-Chief of Police, E. Gilbert-Public Works, J. Jordan-Solicitor.

Mayor Pelura called the meeting to order and read the **Open Public Meeting Act** and lead the **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**. Roll call was taken.

Mayor Pelura asked for a motion to approve the **minutes** from the regular Committee meeting held on May 16, 2012. A motion was made by Dr. Racite, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

Under Applications: Mayor Pelura mentioned a **Raffle Application** for St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish on December 4th in the hall. Motion was made by Mr. Dennis, seconded by Mr. Newton. All were in favor with Mr. Brown and Mayor Pelura abstaining from the vote. Mayor Pelura spoke of **Park Permit #32**, for a birthday party at the Rec. Complex on July 22nd. Motion was made by Dr. Racite, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor. Mayor Pelura moved on to address two membership applications for the Fire/Rescue Department. The Mayor said the first was for Patrick McDonough. A motion was made by Dr. Racite, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor. Second was Vincent W. Allen. Motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Newton. Dr. Racite said the request from the Fire Dept stated he was denied by them. With this information the Committee voted, Mr. Newton abstained all others voted no.

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION 2012-95

TRADE POLICE VEHICLE #111

Mr. Brown motioned, seconded by Mr. Dennis to approve the acquisition/trade of police vehicle #111 along with Drug Forfeiture Funds for another vehicle. A unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2012-96

CANCEL RECEIVABLE BALANCE

Mr. Dennis motioned to authorize the cancelation of a receivable balance in the amount of \$308.62 Clean Communities Grant, seconded by Dr. Racite. A unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2012-97

MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT

Motion was made by Dr. Racite, seconded by Mr. Brown to allow for this mutual aid and assistance agreement between Salem County and various participating Units, such as Emergency Management Office, Police, Fire and Ambulance/EMS. A unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2012-98

DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE

Mr. Brown motioned to approve the discharge and cancellation of Small Cities Housing Grant in the amount of \$10,737.00, seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2012-99

INTERNSHIP IN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Motion was made by Dr. Racite to allow for Donald C. Haines, III to do an internship in the Police Department for college credits with Rowan College. Motion seconded by Mr. Dennis. The Mayor said the Chief gave a presentation at the last meeting. A unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2012-100
APPROVING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES

Mr. Brown motioned to allow for the renewal of certain Alcoholic Beverage Licenses for the year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013. Seconded by Mr. Newton and a unanimous vote was taken.

Under Correspondence: Mayor Pelura mentioned receiving a letter from the Sportsmen's club on holding their annual parent-child campout. This event was June 3rd through 5th with helicopter rides on the 5th. The Clerk requested approval via e-mail in order to allow this event to happen. Mr. Brown questioned the liability since the Township gives approval. Mr. Jordan said the Township has to be notified and give consent because they are flying over the Township's air space.

Mayor Pelura mentioned an application from the YMCA requesting use of the ball fields next to their facility and the waiver of fees associated with the circus they are sponsoring. Mayor Pelura said the YMCA has spoken to Public Works for ground maintenance, the Police for traffic control and Construction Code for permits. This has been granted in the past with the property being left in the same condition as they found it, plus they need to provide insurance. Motion was made by Mr. Dennis, seconded by Mr. Brown to allow for the use of Township property as long as all conditions are met. All were in favor.

Mr. Jordan mentioned a letter received on a property in Penns Grove which had a Small Cities Loan requesting the Township allow an assignment of the mortgage and the discharge of the estate from any future liability. Mr. Jordan explained the program, and requested the letter be denied. Mayor Pelura said Carneys Point is the host Township along with Penns Grove and Oldmans on the Small Cities Loan Program and that is why these questions come to us. Dr. Racite made a motion to deny the request and for Mr. Jordan to notify their Attorney, seconded by Mr. Denis and all were in favor.

Under Old Business: Mr. Dennis stated about two years ago (2009) the property known as 47 7th Ave "Frangible Disk", Block 1, Lot 16 was placed in an area in need of redevelopment. Inadvertently Lot 17 was left out of the redevelopment plan. Mr. Dennis said he is requesting an amendment be done to include Lot 17 to the redevelopment plan. Mr. Dennis made a motion to ask the Planning Board to prepare the amendment to the redevelopment plan to include Block 1, Lot 17 in the Redevelopment area. Mr. Dennis said this is not adding anything to the Plan but just correcting what should have been done. Motion was seconded by Mr. Newton. Mr. Brown, Dr. Racite and the Mayor abstained from voting because of being in conflict. Mr. Dennis and Mr. Newton both non-conflicted members voted yes.

Mr. Jordan addressed the concerns that request the Township to adopt a Resolution authorizing consent for an existing dewatering facility. Mr. Jordan said these request are routinely done with DuPonts. This existing dewatering facility was build in 1990 and under the jurisdiction of the DEP Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste. Now the DEP is requesting this be moved to the DEP Treatment Work division of Water Quality. The Committee must now consent or deny this application. Mayor Pelura said he spoke to the Township Engineer who cannot recommend the approval because there is not a complete application. Mr. Jordan said he will correspond to DuPont's Attorney Joe DiNicola that the Township cannot complete until the Township's Engineer receives a complete file.

Mrs. Stout was going to address the Personnel Policy handbook but asked for this to be tabled until the next meeting.

Next topic on the agenda is the discussion of the new Hotel / Motel Liquor License for American Best Value Inn. Chief DiGregorio asked for this to also be tabled until the next meeting.

Mr. Jordan addressed the Certified Recycling Professional position needed for Public Works. Mr. Jordan said Pennsville Township is willing to do the work involved for \$200.00 a year. The Committee was all on board to go forward. Mr. Jordan said an agreement will be prepared and that Pennsville requests an out in the agreement.

Mr. Jordan asked about the status of the bus stop on Shell Road. Mr. Gilbert said the State put in a pad but nothing else. Mr. Jordan said he wrote a response letter to the Fenwick Park Association on street lighting. He has not gotten any response back. And Mr. Jordan mentioned the Planning Board renewable energy ordinance.

Under New Business: Mr. Dennis spoke on high grass cutting in the Township. He said the residents at Project Freedom in Woodstown, there is a program called "Advancing Opportunities" where residents can perform various tasks for the work experience and to put on a resume. This is at no cost to the Township and a supervisor will accompany the worker. Mrs. Stout said these are high functioning individuals that will not only cut grass but can be utilized elsewhere in the Township. Mr. Brown asked if they use our equipment. Mayor Pelura said they will use ours. Mrs. Stout said this opportunity will gain them job experience and confidence on the job. Mr. Brown motioned to allow for the grass cutting, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

Mrs. Stout mentioned a Bond Anticipation Note under Ordinance 780, which was for the purchase of various equipment, is being renewed at 416 thousand dollars. The Township paid \$84,000 this year. Mrs. Stout said bids were received for the bond and Pennsville National had the winning bid at .99%.

Dr. Racite said from time to time the Finance Office reviews different agreements the Township has such as Utilities for cost savings. On May 30 Extel Communications, who carries our long distance phone service, did an analysis on long distance the phone system. They proposed bundling the phone lines in to "T" lines. This needs 24 lines and currently Mrs. Jones in the Finance Office has indentified 17 lines but needs 7 more. If we go this route they would like for us to purchase phones from them. All of this would save the Township money. They also recommended a hosting service like the Cloud for storage off site.

Mr. Jordan mentioned receiving an e-mail from John Paff with the NJ Libertarian Party. The e-mail said they are looking to repeal unconstitutional or preempted ordinances. Our Chapter 152 Peace and Good Order are full of invalid provisions. Mr. Jordan said these are not used and feels in time they will be cleared or corrected but until then they do not hurt because they are not used. Mayor Pelura made the announcement that Carneys Point is in discussions with Pennsville Township on Police Dispatching. He said Pennsville has accepted the financial offer with Carneys Point. Chief DiGregorio said in preparation of this agreement he would like to make a recommendation to hire two retired police officers as part-time casual call in dispatchers, Marion Kulpa and Raymond Rinnier. Mayor Pelura said it will not cost the Township any money because they are on the as needed basis.

RESOLUTION 2012-102

HIRE TWO CASUAL CALL IN POLICE DISPATCHERS

Motion was made by Dr. Racite, seconded by Mr. Dennis to accept the recommendation of the Police Chief to hire Marion Kulpa and Raymond Rinnier as casual call in part-time police dispatchers. The vote was as follows: Mr. Newton, Dr. Racite, Mr. Dennis and Mayor Pelura voting yes. While Mr. Brown voted no.

Mayor Pelura mentioned a letter from the State Information Technology on updates to the FCC Narrow Banding Mandate Deadline. The FCC emphasizes that a waiver applies only to T-Band licenses and the Chief said we fit that waiver. The Mayor said everyone is aware of this and the Police, Fire, Public Works and Emergency Management are all alright. The Chief of Police said it could be up to ten years before the State enforces the increase of MHz.

Mr. Jordan spoke of an ordinance which will be on the next agenda. The Planning Board has requested an amendment to the land development review checklist by adding bulk and use variances. These were inadvertently omitted from the checklist. Mr. Jordan moved on to speak about a letter from the NJ Department of Transportation on an upgrade to the railroad crossing at Route 130 and Virginia Ave. No action needs to be taken.

Dr. Racite said it was an honor to attend the Salem County Fire Training Academy graduation. He said this is the initial class that has to be taken in order to become a fireperson. Carneys Point had two graduates, Mathew Morrison and Toni Steele. Both were given special honors. Mr. Morrison was made Chief of the training class. He congratulated both of them for completing the training and wished them many safe years of service to Carneys Point Township.

Dr. Racite mentioned the appearance of the Heritage building lots by Laytons Lake. He said he has had a few calls about the high grass. We are aware of the issues and this will be discussed in Executive tonight.

Chief DiGregorio mentioned he met with DuPont solicitor Joe DiNicola on the gravel pit on 551. They are meeting tomorrow to see where the barriers are going to be placed along with fencing and the gates.

Mayor Pelura thanked Mr. Gilbert and his crew on making the Township and parks look so good. He also mentioned volunteers from the Rec. Commission have been helping and mow grass at the Rec. Complex.

Public Participation: Patrick Bomba of Hawks Bridge Rd. said this community has to hold DuPonts responsible for water discharge. He said they are not responsible on how they are handling discharge. Dr. Racite said a letter was sent to DuPonts to set up a meeting. Mayor Pelrua said the Township is fully aware of the problems with the water.

John Bibeau of Delaware Ave. said stop catering to DuPonts. DuPonts is controlling the water level in this Township. They are no longer the company that feeds our families. Mr. Bibeau asked if there is a cost savings with this shared service for Dispatchers. Mayor Pelura said there will differently be a cost savings. Mr. Bibeau said good job. Mr. Bibeau asked about the YMCA and if the Committee is still looking to sell or lease this property. Mr. Brown said he would like to sell it to the YMCA. Mayor Pelura said a meeting has been set up with the YMCA for discussions. Mr. Bibeau said he is a supporter of the Y but they need to be self sufficient.

Patrick Bomba said at the last meeting it was discussed a new liquor license at the American Best Value Inn. He said there use to be a restaurant attached to the hotel and now there is not. Mr. Jordan explained the type of license and that this will be discussed further in executive.

RESOLUTION 2012-101

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dr. Racite motioned to convene into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken. The regular meeting ended at 7:52 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Dennis to reconvene in regular session, seconded by Dr. Racite and all were in favor. The regular meeting reconvened at 11:17 pm with the following action taken.

RESOLUTION 2012-103


HIRE PART-TIME SEASONAL HELP FOR PUBLIC WORKS

Dr. Racite made a motion to hire Tony Luzzo in the Public Works Department to work Monday through Thursday to work no more than 7 hours a day as a seasonal employee. Motion was seconded by Mr. Brown and a unanimous vote was taken.

Dr. Racite spoke of increasing the salary of the Township Clerk, based on increased job duties. He suggested a \$2,000 increase effective retro back to June 1, 2012. This motion was seconded by Mr. Newton and all were in favor.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Dennis to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Racite. Motion passed with five affirmative votes. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Approved: 6-20-2012


June Proffitt, Municipal Clerk